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REMARKS

The undersigned requests a personal interview with the Examiner in charge of this application to discuss the issues raised below.

Claims 1-14 and 16-17 were rejected as being anticipated by DeMonte 4,897,651.

Claims 15 and 18-19 were rejected as being unpatentable over DeMonte in view of Mitchell 6,961,048.

DeMonte discloses a keyboard which uses a key having an LCD display allowing for the display of a symbol as selected by software, for example, for a change of language. The key when pressed would then input the information shown by the symbol "whereby the keys of a keyboard can be set to match the language currently being used" (from the Abstract). This reference does not have a touch sensitive screen on the keyboard

Mitchell has a keyboard in which keys have a matrix of display elements for displaying information on the keys, such as for example, the letter "C" shown in Fig. 4A. This reference was cited for the display of a title and the undersigned is unable to find the display cited by the Examiner.

In view of the art cited by the Examiner, claim 1 has been extensively amended to call for the digital display on the keycaps wherein the function displayed represents a plurality of tasks using only a single keystroke (see page 29, end of first paragraph, of the specification, page 30, and elsewhere), a touch sensitive screen on the keyboard adjacent the keycaps containing a digital key field divided into individual fields containing icons representing specific functions in an application being run from the keyboard (Figs. 5, 6 and 9, and page 32, and elsewhere), the digital key field selectively changing as a user cycles through different programs (page 33, last paragraph), and a second touch sensitive screen (Fig. 9) with a drop down menu to select the shortcuts to apply to the keycaps with individual screens and the individual fields in the first touch sensitive screen (page 36, last paragraph, and elsewhere). It is believed that the above references do not teach or suggest these features of the present invention.

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Independent claim 7 has been similarly amended to include the above novel features except for the second touch sensitive screen on the keyboard.

The remaining depending claims, except for those which have been canceled add other details of the invention and would be allowed with their parent claims.

It is believed that the claims in their present amended form clearly distinguish over the above references and are drawn to allowable subject matter.

A conscientious effort has been made to place this application in condition for immediate allowance. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned or Mr. Kroll if further changes are required to obtain allowance of the application.

A favorable action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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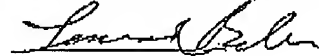
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